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Mrs. Emily Yull, W. M.  
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Mrs. Nellie Kelly, Treasurer

Brockway Lodge, 316, F. & A. M.  
Regular communication on or before the full of the moon each month at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evenings during 1918 as follows: Jan. 24; Feb. 21; March 21; April 25; May 23; June 20-24; July 18; Aug. 22; Sept. 19; Oct. 17; Nov. 14; Dec. 12-27.

Clifford Halsey, W. M.  
H. E. Henry, Treas. Henry Pounce, Sec.

## OUR SOLDIER BOYS.

Letters From and Items Concerning Yale Boys Who are in the Service of Their Country

November 5th, 1918  
Somewhere in No Man's Land.

My Dear Folks:

Just a note to let you know I'm alive and well in spite of all the rain and mud. We are right up behind the front lines where the Germans were just a short time ago. The Americans can hardly keep up with them, they are going so fast. The Germans sure had this place well dug up, there are trenches and dugouts galore, 40 to 50 feet below the surface. We were down in several of them. They had been vacated in a hurry as there was ammunition and equipment of all kinds left behind. We were in a town yesterday which was shelled—it was quite interesting while it lasted. The shells burst about 1/2 a mile from us. All around us there are air raids, planes being shot at and planes shooting.

The mud around here is fierce. As one of the fellows said this morning when another was washing his feet in a puddle of water right where we were sleeping, "why in h— are you washing your feet in the water we sleep in." It's a sacrifice to take a bath here, so we save the water to drink.

Just this minute got thru watching a big air fight in which one German plane was brought down by five American planes.

This life is sure exciting while it lasts.

Must close. Don't worry as everything is going along fine. Lots of love to all.

Your loving son,  
Sgt. L. J. Menzies,  
Bat. C, 329th F. A.  
Am. E. F., France, via New York

In a card written Nov. 11th, he says: "Plenty of work and excitement. See you soon, maybe."

Extracts from the letters of Albert Meneer who is stationed near Bordeaux, in the southern and western part of France, written to his mother:

October 15, 1918

We are now in a French town billeted among the people. They treat us fine and want to do all they can for us. It is very hard to know what they mean by the motions they go thru trying to make us understand, and when we do get it they are very much pleased. Their customs are so different from any I have ever seen before. It is really amusing to watch them. Nearly all wear the wooden shoes, don't know whether leather or wood is most scarce, but both are hard to get. Nearly everyone who can afford it rides a bicycle and it is a common occurrence to see four or five girls going thru town on their bicycles. Oxen seem to be the chief means of transportation and tilling the soil, although there are horses here and all I have seen are certainly fine. I guess about all they raise here is grapes as that is about all one sees as far as one looks. The French people are great for their wine and the larger part of the grapes are made into wine. We are having a great time cooking our own meals. We have bacon and coffee for breakfast and it all tastes good. They claim France has about the same climate as California. Not having been in California I can't say, but it's certainly a good healthy climate here. It's hard to write letters here as one can't write much that would be news to you.

I am feeling fine and believe me when I get back you will have to hire an extra cook as I sure can eat now and eat everything.

October 22, 1918

I am keeping in the best of health and feeling better each day, don't know what it is unless it's the climate, we do have swell weather here. We eat our meals out around under the trees and you can't do that in Michigan at this time of year.

October 26, 1918

This certainly is one grand day and I am sitting out in the sun with a board across my knee writing. We were able to buy some candy the other day and believe me it tasted good. The Chaplain went to a nearby town and guess he nearly bought out the town of everything he could get. Never had a hankering for candy until I got somewhere where we couldn't get it. Am in the best of health, and eating like a horse. When I get back home you will have to stock up. I have an awful time with the French money over here. Everything is based upon a franc, 20c, or to be exact 17 1/2 cts in U. S. money. Their smallest coin is one sou, or one penny. Am able to make the people understand what I want by using what French I have learned and talking

with my hands. It's very interesting tho to learn what we can of the language.

October 29, 1918

We sure are having wonderful weather and we cannot help but be in the best of health and spirits. Am writing this in my noon hour and you will just be getting breakfast. We are about five hours ahead of U. S. time here. We have adopted a little French boy for our mascot. We are going to feed and clothe him but won't be able to take him along with us. His father was killed in action, belonging to the artillery in the French army. Every battery or company adopts someone like that for a mascot, and we are the first ones in the brigade to start, the same as we are first in everything else. I took a walk to a fort a short distance from here Sunday and it was certainly interesting. Found dates carved in the wood as far back as 1807. Have seen some very interesting and historical places since leaving the U. S. and could write a whole volume if I was any kind of a writer. Another curious custom here is washing. Every town has a well with a cement ridge all around it, and the people get down upon their knees and pound the clothes in the water. Don't believe they would know what a washing machine is.

November 1, 1918

Never saw such fine weather in my life, seems as tho the sun shines continually. The evenings are quite cool so it makes it fine for sleeping. We roll in about 8:00 and get up at 6:00 with plenty of sleep, lots of exercise and good things to eat, so why shouldn't I be feeling fine.

November 3, 1918

I am enclosing my Christmas package coupon. It may reach you in time but if it don't I am the loser. Was made first-class private, which means \$3.00 more a month and also goes to show I am working. I try to put all I have in me in my work here the same as I did at home.

November 5, 1918

A Y. M. C. A. car came out here this p. m. and sold us tobacco and cigarettes and they sure were a welcome treat. However, we have been well taken care of by our Captain and we are the only battery in the regiment that has been supplied all the time, thanks to our officers.

Ensign Harold E. Rice from the Naval Air Station at Pensacola is home at Detroit on a fifteen days leave of absence. If he has to return it will be as an instructor in Aviation.

Guy R. Rice, who is with the 261st Aero Squadron "somewhere in France" writes he is well but does not know anything about when he will return.

Morris C. Rice writes his mother that he has been in the hospital two weeks with malaria fever, but is better. He is still at Monte Cristo, Domingo Republic with the U. S. Marines. He received an expert's medal and \$5.00 a month increase in pay for being an expert rifle shot. He does not know when he will be home; is with the 179th Co., 4th Regiment.

### Dog License Tags.

For the benefit of township officers and others who may be interested, I have been instructed by the State Live Stock Sanitary Commission at Lansing to report that the contract for dog license tags for the year 1919 has been let to the J. H. Shultz Company of Manistee, Mich. These tags are made of aluminum and will fully comply with the law in every respect. The tag will consist of serial number, year, name of township, and state of Mich. Orders may be placed directly with the J. H. Shultz Company, and the Commission advises that this be done at as early a date as possible. They will be sold to the townships for \$2.00 per hundred.

C. L. Brody,  
County Agricultural Agent

### Report of Secretary-Treasurer.

Report of Secretary and Treasurer of the Women's Council of National Defense.

Money received for:  
registration fee..... \$8 50  
Paid for printing hand bills..... \$2 00  
Bal paid over to Red Cross..... 6 50

\$ 50 \$ 8 50

Mrs. Craig Adams, Treas.

Mrs. F. O. Putney, Sec.

FOUND—On road west of City of Yale, Saturday morning, Nov. 24, an auto chain. Owner can have same by calling at Expositor office, proving property and paying for this ad.

## OBITUARY

Hugh J. McPhee, pioneer resident and retired business man of Sanilac county died at his home in Melvin on Monday evening, Dec. 2, 1918, at the age of 74 years and 7 days. Last summer while at work shingling a building the scaffold upon which he was standing gave way and he was thrown to the ground and badly injured. Since that time his health gradually failed and the end came as above stated.

Mr. McPhee has resided in Sanilac county since he was 19 years of age, having been engaged in farming, buying grain and hay and for many years engaged in the lumber business. He leaves one son, William J., of Melvin. His wife died about two years ago. Mr. McPhee was an uncle to Thos. U. Wharton and Mrs. W. H. Fletcher of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wharton were at Melvin Wednesday attending the funeral, which was held from the M. E. church at 1:00 o'clock p. m. Burial in Melvin cemetery.

Mrs. Hiram McConnell, a former resident of Yale, died at her home in Detroit on Monday, Nov. 25th, 1918. Death was caused from bronchial pneumonia, which followed an attack of influenza. The remains were taken to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Spring, near Jeddo and burial took place in Elmwood cemetery, Yale, Friday, Nov. 29th. Prayer at the home in Detroit by Bro. Montgomery, and at Jeddo by Rev. J. A. Kelley.

Edna Spring was born in Wheatland township, Sanilac county, September 25th, 1890. Was united in marriage to Hiram McConnell in 1910. She leaves to mourn a husband and two little girls, Beulah, 3 months old, Vera, aged six years, father and mother, two brothers, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends. She was converted when young and lived a consistent christian life.

The Expositor extends sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Hannah Sischo, aged 43 years, died at her home in the city of Yale on Monday, Dec. 2, 1918, after an illness of only one week. Pneumonia, following an attack of influenza was the cause of her death. Short prayer service was held at the home Wednesday morning and interment was made in Speaker cemetery.

Deceased was a daughter of Amos Sischo and was born in Speaker township. She came to Yale with her parents about twelve years ago, and has kept house for her father since her mother died a few years ago.

Besides the aged father she leaves two sisters, Mrs. Frank Jeffers, of Brown City, and Lydia, at home. We extend to the family our deepest sympathy in their sad affliction.

Edward Cork, son of Mrs. Charles Alexander, died at Clearwater, Fla., Sunday evening, Dec. 1, 1918. He went South for his health about two months ago. The remains will be brought to Yale and interment made in Speaker cemetery.

Deceased was born in Speaker township Feb. 15, 1889. For the past few years he has been engaged in contracting and building in Detroit and enjoyed a big business. He had several fine apartment flats in that city.

About two years ago his health began to fail and he went to a sanitarium in New York state, and later to New Mexico, in the hope that he might get some relief, but to no avail.

He leaves to mourn a wife, mother one sister and six brothers, besides a host of friends.

### G. A. R. Meeting

Headquarters W. H. Dunphy Post, G. A. R., Yale—There will be a meeting of the Post on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 2:00 p. m., at the Council room, for the election of officers and transacting any other business that may come before it. Turn out you old kids and be present.

Chas. Montney,  
Commander

### MALE HELP WANTED

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